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SUBJECT: PRC SALE OF RICE

REF: KINSHASA 8672 AND 10492

1. DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1973 THE GOZ PURCHASED 50,000 M.T. OF RICE FROM THE PRC FOR HARD CURRENCY. (PURCHASE PRICE UNKNOWN).
2. 30,000 M.T. OF THIS RICE WERE SHIPPED IN CY 1973 AND THE BALANCE ARRIVED IN ZAIRE DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1974.
3. THE RICE IS SAID TO BE OF VERY POOR QUALITY AND CAN NOT BE SOLD PROFITABLY ON THE LOCAL MARKET.
4. RICE PRODUCTION IN ZAIRE (PADDY) INCREASED FROM 206,000 M.T. TO 227,000 M.T. IN 1973 OR AN INCREASE OF 10 PERCENT.
5. IN ADDITION TO THE 30,000 M.T. OF RICE IMPORTED FROM PRC IN 1973, 22,000 M.T. WERE IMPORTED FROM OTHER SOURCES.
6. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOZ FINDS ITSELF AT THIS TIME IN A RICE SURPLUS POSITION.

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7. ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES, THE GOZ HAS CONTRACTED WITH AN

AMERICAN FIRM "CONNEL CORPORATION" OF SAN FRANCISCO TO EXPORT 30,000 M.T. OF THE CHINESE RICE AT \$437 PER METRIC TON.

8. THE SHIPMENTS WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE END OF MAY AND THE END OF JUNE BUT SO FAR THE COMPANY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MOVE THE RICE AND MAY DEFAULT ON ITS CONTRACT. THE MATTER WILL REPORTEDLY BE REVIEWED NOW AT PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL.

10. UNLESS SOME OF THE RICE CAN BE MOVED IMMEDIATELY, THERE WILL BE A SERIOUS CONGESTION AT THE PORT OF MATADI BECAUSE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE IMPORTED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.

11. OUR TRADE SOURCES HAVE ALSO STATED THAT ONE OF THE LOCAL BANKS IS SAID TO BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE BECAUSE OF THE FINANCING OF THE CHINESE RICE SALE. ANDREW

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